

Schedule of events
Saturday, November 8, 2003

The Carquinez Bridge (Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge) opening day events will start on the Vallejo side of the bridge, with speeches by dignitaries and a ribbon cutting by members of Al Zampa's family. (Go to www.alzbridge.com for details about Al Zampa.) Members of the public will be shuttled to the site from parking areas in Vallejo and Crockett (see parking and shuttle details below). No seating arrangements or food or drink will be available at the Vallejo site, so members of the public (those with children in particular or the frail or elderly) should make sure they are well supplied with water, food, rain gear and whatever else they will need during the up-to-two-hour wait before the formal speeches and ribbon-cutting ceremony begin at 1 p.m. Porta-potties will be available.

Following the speeches and ribbon-cutting ceremony, dignitaries will ride across the bridge in vintage cars, followed by a parade that will include high school marching bands, police officers on horseback and a contingent of bridge workers. The public will fall in behind the parade to make the historic walk across the bridge.

The bridge walk will be ONE WAY ONLY, from north to south — Vallejo to Crockett. Depending on how far back in the crowd one is, the walk is between one and a half to two miles in length. Comfortable walking shoes are a good idea, as walkers should be prepared to navigate a somewhat steep, but paved, downhill path on the Crockett side of the bridge.

Once on the Crockett side, walkers may stay and enjoy the street fair (where food, drinks, and porta-potties will be available), or take the shuttle back to their parking site.

Those staying for the fireworks at 6 p.m. should know that the bridge will begin to be cleared of pedestrians starting at 4:30 p.m., and the street fair will end at 5:30 p.m. The fireworks will be shot high into the air from barges on either side of the bridge so the spectacle will be visible almost anywhere along either shore of the Carquinez Strait. A prime viewing location for the fireworks will be at the designated Crockett parking lot, which has an unobstructed view of the bridge and its environs and is equipped with concessions and facilities. (The fireworks display will be timed to a narration that will be broadcast on radio station KUIC 95.3 FM.) After the fireworks, the main cables and towers of the new bridge will be lighted, signaling the end the festivities.

The day's events will take place rain or shine. Check out the weather at www..... for the latest forecast.

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| 8 a.m. | Street closures begin in Crockett |
| 11 a.m. | Street fair in Crockett begins |
| 11 a.m. | Free shuttle bus service begins (see below) |
| 1 p.m. | Celebration, speeches and ribbon cutting begin on the north (Vallejo) side of the bridge |
| 2 p.m. | Parade and bridge walk begin |

- 2 p.m. Crockett street fair continues, with speakers and music at the main plaza stage in downtown Crockett
- 3:30 p.m. Last shuttles for bridge walk leave from parking areas. (Shuttles will continue to run between the parking areas and the Crockett street fair.)
- 4:30 p.m. Pedestrians begin to be cleared from the bridge
- 5:30 p.m. Crockett street fair closes
- 6 p.m. Fireworks show begins
- 6:30 p.m. Bridge lighting takes place
- 7:30 p.m. Shuttle service ends

Directions to parking lots:

From San Francisco/Oakland to Crockett parking lot: Take Interstate 80 toward Sacramento. Exit at Cummings Skyway and turn left at the light. Follow Cummings Skyway west to San Pablo Avenue. Turn left on San Pablo Avenue and follow signs to parking area.

From Sacramento to Crockett parking lot: Take Interstate 80 west toward San Francisco/Oakland. Proceed across Carquinez Bridge. Exit at Cummings Skyway and turn right. Follow Cummings Skyway west to San Pablo Avenue. Turn left on San Pablo Avenue and follow signs to parking area.

From Sacramento to Vallejo parking lot (limited number of spaces): Take Interstate 80 west toward San Francisco/Oakland. Exit at Curtola Parkway and proceed to Lemon Street. Turn left on Lemon Street and follow signs to Curtola Parkway park-and-ride lot.

Shuttle details

BEFORE the bridge walk:

From downtown Crockett (for local residents only): Before 1 p.m., shuttle buses will be picking up Crockett residents at Pomona Street and Vista Del Rio for transit to the north end of the bridge in Vallejo, just off Maritime Academy Drive, near the pedestrian/bicycle path, where the parade and bridge walk will begin. After 1 p.m., those in Crockett can take the bus leaving from Merchant and Pomona streets to get to the Vallejo side of the bridge.

From the Crockett parking lot: Buses will pick up passengers at the primary parking lot off San Pablo Avenue (also identified as the Shoreline lot or Selby lot). The buses will then cross the (old) Carquinez Bridge and drop people off in Vallejo, just off Maritime Academy Drive, near the pedestrian/bicycle path, where the parade and bridge walk will begin. (See map.)

From the Vallejo parking lot: Buses will pick up passengers at the Curtola Parkway park-and-ride lot (at Curtola and Lemon Street) and drop people off near Maritime Academy Drive and the pedestrian/bicycle path, where the parade and bridge walk will begin. Passengers who want to go to the street fair in Crockett may stay on the bus and be dropped off at Pomona Street and Vista Del Rio in Crockett. (See map.)

Buses will continue to make a circuit every 20–25 minutes between the parking lots and the above drop-off sites until 7:30 p.m., the exception being that the last shuttles for the bridge walk leave from parking areas at 3:30 p.m.

AFTER the bridge walk and/or fireworks:

Buses will pick up passengers at the intersection of Merchant and Pomona streets (across from the Dead Fish restaurant) for the return trip to their vehicles at the Crockett and Vallejo parking lots. Signs will be posted.

Paratransit vehicles will be available for wheelchair users and the elderly. Please keep in mind that some steep grades may need to be traversed as part of the bridge walk.

NOTE: Buses cannot accommodate bicycles, and there is no bicycle parking available. The pedestrian/bicycle path is currently not open, but will open for use by early next year, pending completion of the off-ramp to Crockett.